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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: PRC SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DEATH SENTENCE FOR ANTI-REGIME  
PAMPHLETEER

1. SUMMARY. A FEBRUARY COURT NOTICE POSTED IN CANTON REVEALS DETAILS OF CASE INVOLVING MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR WRITING "ANTI-PARTY ARTICLES," ENGAGING IN "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES," MIMEOGRAPHING AND DISSEMINATING TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARTICLES," AND PRAISING "WITH AG# HIS STRENGTH SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM."

THE DEATH SENTENCE, TO BE CARRIED OUT FORTHWITH, WAS RATIFIED BY THE PRC SUPREME COURT "IN ORDER TO PUT INTO EFFECT CHAIRMAN HUA'S INSTRUCTION TO BRING ABOUT GREAT ORDER ALL OVER THE COUNTRY." END SUMMARY.

2. A WESTERN DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE HAS PROVIDED USLO WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCIAL SUPREME COURT NOTICE #1 FOR 1978, DATED FEB 18, 1978 AND STILL ON DISPLAY IN CANTON. THE NOTICE PROVIDES DETAILS OF THE CASE  
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AGAINST "THE ACTIVE COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY CRIMINAL" HO CH'UN-SHU, WHO WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE FOLLOWING CRIMES:  
--IN 1956, AFTER BECOMING A TEACHER, HE RESOLUTELY MAINTAINED A REACTIONARY STAND AND DEEPLY HATED OUR PARTY AND THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM;  
--IN 1963 HE STARTED TO WRITE, IN SECRET, A LARGE NUMBER

OF COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARTICLES;  
--AFTER THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION BEGAN HE ENGAGED IN  
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY DESTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES AND MIMEOGRAPHED  
COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ARTICLES OF MORE THAN 200,000 WORDS  
WHICH HE HAD WRITTEN CLANDESTINELY;  
-HE SENT THIS BROCHURE TO "REACTIONARY NEWSPAPERS AND  
MAGAZINES" IN HONG KONG, TO THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS, AND  
TO THE "AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS"...AND TO CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS  
AND PRESS ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COUNTRYJA  
-HE "POISONOUSLY INSULTED OUR GREAT LEADER AND TEACHER (I.E.  
CHAIRMAN MAO), HE ATTACKED AND DEFAMED THE SOCIALIST  
SYSTEM, HE ATTACKED THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION;  
--HE "PRAISED WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH SOCIAL-IMPERIALISM"  
(I.E. THE SOVIET UNION); AND  
-HE VAINLY ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATORSHIP OF THE  
PROLETARIAT AND TO RESTORE CAPITALISM.

3. BECAUSE OF THESE "EXTREMELY SERIOUS CRIMES" AND HIS  
REFUSAL TO ADMIT HIS CRIMES FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, HE  
ALLEGEDLY INSPIRED GREAT ANGER AMONG THE PEOPLE AND  
REVEALED HIMSELF AS A "STUBBORN, UNCHANGEABLE COUNTER-  
REVOLUTIONARY ELEMENT AND ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE." HENCE  
HE WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH AND THE SENTENCE UPHELD BY THE  
SUPREME COURT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.  
FOLLOWING THAT RATIFICATION AND VERIFICATION OF HIS IDENTITY  
HE WAS "TO BE LED TO THE EXECUTION GROUND (IN CANTON) AND  
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SHOT" ON FEBRUARY 18. THIS DECISION WAS EXPLICITLY  
LINKED TO THE NEED "TO PUT INTO EFFECT CHAIRMAN HUA'S  
INSTRUCTION TO BRING ABOUT TREAT ORDER ALL OVER THE COUNTRY."

4. COMMENT: THIS CASE, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARILY ATYPICAL,  
IS ONE OF THE FEW THAT USLO HAS NOTED WHICH CALLS FOR  
THE DEATH PENALTY FOR POLITICAL CRIMES ALONE. THERE IS  
NO INDICATION IN THE BILL OF PARTICULARS THAT HO WAS  
GUILTY OF VIOLENT ACTIVITIES.

5. USLO WILL POUCH COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH TO DEPARTMENT.  
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